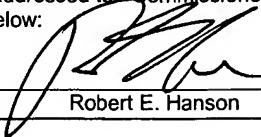




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Group Art Unit: 1645

Examiner: Vanessa L. Ford

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED MARCH 9, 2004**

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In response to the restriction requirement which the Examiner imposed, Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute claims 1-21, *i.e.*, the Group I claims. In response to the species

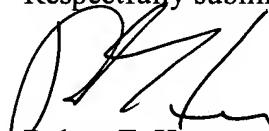
election requirement, Applicants elect, without traverse, group c), i.e., SEQ ID NO:24. The elected group reads on claims 9-15 and 17-21.

With respect to the second species election requirement, Applicants traverse as it appears that this is intended to be directed to the Group II claims. Claims 1-21 do not refer to SEQ ID NOs:23 and 25, but the Group II claims, claims 22-26, do. Applicants therefore respectfully request the removal of the species election requirement with respect to Group I. Applicants nonetheless elect the SEQ ID NO:23 species in order to ensure the responsiveness of this paper.

The elected species reads on Group II claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at (512) 536-3085 with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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